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Applicant:

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ELECTRIC FENCE TAPE, ROPE OR WIRE

AND FILAMENT THEREFOR

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Attn: Box Patent Application Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please enter this amendment prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Page 11, line 1 delete the centered heading "CLAIMS" and insert therefore starting at the left hand margin a new paragraph which reads --WHAT-IS CLAIMED IS:--.

Please amend claims 5 and 10 to read as follows.

5. (Amended) A fence tape, rope or wire according to claim 3, wherein the at least one filament (3; 10; 13) has a cross-sectional area of which at least 5% forms part of the support zone (5).

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10. (Amended) A filament according to claim 8, having a cross-sectional area of which at least 5% forms part of the support zone (5).

Please add new claims 11-12 to read as follows.

11. (New) A fence tape, rope or wire according to claim 4, wherein the at least one filament (3; 10; 13) has a cross-sectional area of which at least 5% forms part of the support zone (5).